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REMARKS SOURCE

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1. On 30 December 1953, the restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, Neustrelitz, was occupied below capacity by about 200 troops. On 20 December, about 10 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying spades left the installation for 25X1B the Jagdhaus training area. At 5 p.m., 5 trucks,

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3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 field kitchen and 40 to 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the restricted area, presumably 25X1B toward Speck. On 21 December, truck towing a 57-mm AT gun went to the Jagdhaus training area for firing practice. Between 28 and 30 December, an undetermined number of troops received basic training in the barracks yard.

2. On 30 December, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne was occupied below capacity by about 200 troops. Between 19 and 24 December, an undetermined number of troops engaged in service of the piece drill with 3 x 120-mm mortars in the training area near the glider field; and another 9 mortars were seen in the shed in the training area. On 29 December, source observed troops who received basic training in the barracks yard. On 30 December, 3 officers and about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying tools left the installation.

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3. On 30 December, the west section of Neue Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops. On 29 December, an undetermined number of troops trained with 1 x 57-mm AT gun in the area west of the installation, while 2 six-wheel armored personnel carriers and 1 tank were seen in the training area north of the installation and an undetermined number of troops received basic training in the barracks yard. On 30 December, JS-3 tank No 161 was seen in the yard; a shed was 25X1 occupied to capacity by tanks.

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4. On 30 December, the Schlossgarten restricted area was occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 19 and 30 December, source observed only light vehicular traffic. During the period under review, 2 M-13 25X1B rocket launchers, were observed in the town area.

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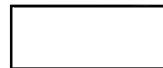
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5. Soviet officer families with children kept arriving in Neustrelitz after mid-December. A Russian school was established.

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Comment. Although weapons observed fail to indicate any change in the distribution of units of the 9th Gds Tank Div in Neustrelitz, it is noted that same source, since late November, reported the installations only partially occupied. [redacted] 25X1A

It is possible that, at this unusual time of the year, as was implied by source, heavy elements of the division may conduct firing practices in the Speck area which, however, may last only a few days because of the season and the training program. Therefore, the occupation figures are doubted.

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